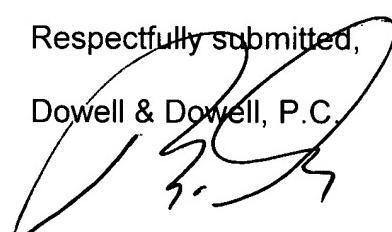
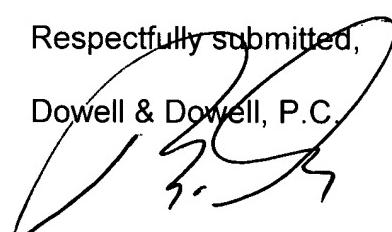


REMARKS

The amendments to the application are being made to reflect the national phase status of the application in the cross reference, and to include the Abstract.

Furthermore, claims have been amended to address some clarity issues raised in the International Preliminary Report on Patentability with respect to the parent PCT application. Specifically, the preamble of claims 28 and 35-37 has been amended to "composite material", to be commensurate with their parent claims.

It is respectfully submitted that all the amendments made herein are to more clearly and succinctly recite the invention and to correct defects in the application. These amendments are fully supported by the application as originally filed, and therefore no new matter has been added by the amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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